What is claimed is:

1.   A method for triggering restraint devices (55),

the restraint devices (55) being triggered as a function of a collision signal,

and the method being launched when the triggering signal exceeds a noise threshold,

wherein a time required for the collision signal to exceed the noise threshold is taken

into account in determining a triggering time for a specific restraint device.

2.   The method as recited in Claim 1,

wherein the time is taken into account by a fixed offset.

3.   The method as recited in Claim 1,

wherein the time is determined as a function of a collision velocity and a crash type.

4.   The method as recited in Claim 3,

wherein the collision velocity is determined using a pre-crash sensor (51).

3 sheets of drawings follow